

Dear Jim and Kevin,

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As you both know, from the first, at least from the first of my knowledge, I've been concerned about Bud's involvement with Ricky White and his commercialization and exploitation of the JFK assassination. Before I heard anything from Kevin I was getting general reports from Dallas about what was coming. As you probably don't know, someone I can identify at the Dallas center was telling others what Kevin asked me to keep confidential and I did. In the end I wrote Bud, without response. I still think he can be in trouble, both from being party to a fraud and in civil actions. As I think I told you, I believe that in the end the MATSU greedy ones will realize that they have been defrauded and won't be able to collect from White. But belling cats is never easy.

I've been hearing from and getting information from strangers on this and among the things I've been sent, if it interests you, is the White property transactions. I think I told you that I immediately checked the Dallas phone book and knew that Roscoe never lived across the street from the Tippits. On this Bud and the center are vulnerable because their own press kit includes a copy of the police record giving White's address as Morocco Street, not where Tippit lived.

You probably know more about Joe West's press conference than I do but I've had several accounts of it and I've also heard from a friend of his that his objective was to use this business as a means of raising money for his "Truth" (ugh!) foundation.

I've had no recent information on it but among those offended is the would-be ghost writer identified by Kevin as Anderson but whose real name is Abshire. He had talked to one of my sources and was to talk to him again. This is how I know his name, from my source. This center person also identified Jordan.

If you do not know, The Texas Observer is working on a story. Nothing may have come of the interest of The Wall Street Journal, but it had started on a story several weeks ago.

If it is of any interest to any of you, I've been promised a tape recording of the West press conference. This offer, which I accepted, is from a stranger but I have no reason to believe I won't get it.

I have no way of knowing whether anyone will want to do something to Bud or will try to but outrageous as this whole thing is I don't want him to suffer any harm. At the same time, I don't expect him to learn from it because he hasn't learned after so many similar adventures. And some of them have led to stories coming back to me. One is that he ghosted all or parts of Morrow's indecency, Betrayal. We know he was involved with that other fraud, Md Donald. (How could none of you, apparently, not catch on to what White was up to from his adopting some of McDonald's fabrication, of Saul and the courts building?)

I don't recall whether I told you, but the general scheme of White's crap comes from an interesting novel that I borrowed and read, the paperback of George Bernau's Promises To Keep. Particularly on Oswald's flight from the building and Tippit's killing. The Red Bird airport comes from Topkin. When Inside Edition was here they sent on the satellite what was not used, including my use of this. Mrs. White replied that they'd not read any books on the assassination. She pretty much took over for him, including saying they'd been "set up." What I used I got from the copy on the AP wire that I'd gotten. That is my only used source on Ricky's story and it was mostly what AP's wire had on that press conference.

I've not been hearing from strangers only. From one you and Bud know and I think like and respect, I get the opinion that "the damage this kind of charade does to our cause is substantial." This was my belief from the first. And from another not a stranger I've heard that Bud and the center have a contract with Oliver Stone to be his technical experts. If this is true and if he continues in any such role I think the probability of a fraud action increases.

Im sorry for Gary Shaw. He brought West here before he returned to Johns Hopkins for additional surgery and I did my best to persuade them that the mafia kick on which they were off was untenable. They thanked me, West profusely, and the next - knew West sent me a copy of the release on their appearance before the convention of the legal investigators. I wrote and asked for a copy of the prepared remarks and if a tape was made of the presentation and any questions and answers, a dub of that. No response and I've not heard a word from either. I've been told that Gary is in bad shape, financially and personally, and I'm sorry if this is true.

I gather than the self-described "news" letters have taken this concoction as the solid truth. No you know why I've never subscribed to any of them. And you should have this new reflection of how dependable as sources of information those who put them out are.

Of course this also tells us what kind of experts those at the Dallas center are!

How anybody did not throw up on hearing the White account of the Tippit killing alone I can't understand. Having anything at all to do with him after that is insane! And so very irresponsible. But none of the rest survives critical examination, not even the so-called "coincidences". They build down to White and Oswald having gone to Japan on the same ship at the same time, which is true of thousands of others, too, and to Geneva being the kind of woman who would work for Ruby.

On Geneva, before the West press conference by at least a week I heard that she'd told Ricky that if he did not get his show on the road she'd get her's going. They Ricky is alleged to have assaulted her. You may know more than I about the crap she made up but I know it is stupidly false. Obviously and in ways I've not seen in stories that quote Stockwell's denunciation of it.

On other things, I think I've been able to line Peggy Adler Bohorn up with a means of getting letters she has in old Russian script translated.

and I'd appreciate the return of those medical records I've asked you for before, what GHA gave Clapp when he was our lawyer.

Sorry you did not come up when you said you would. Hope you can soon.

Best,

Harold